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Secretary, Legislative Assembly.

1. The Travancore-Cochin Panchayats Act (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Trivandrum City Municipal Act (Second Amendment) Bill.

THE TRAVANCORE-COCHIN PANCHAYATS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Preamble.

Whereas it is deemed necessary to amend the Travancore-Cochin Panchayats Act, 1950 (Act II of 1950), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Travancore-Cochin Panchayats (Amendment) Act, 1952.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Substitution of new sections for Sections 7 and 8, Act II of 1950.

2. For Sections 7 and 8 of the Travancore-Cochin Panchayats Act, 1950 (Act II of 1950), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, the following sections shall be substituted, namely:—

Election of members.

"7. (1) The members of a Panchayat shall, save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, be elected in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Where the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes electors in a panchayat area is not less than five per cent of the total number of electors in that panchayat area, one seat shall be reserved in the Panchayat for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub section (2), the provisions of this Act relating to reservation of a seat for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Panchayat shall cease to have effect on the expiration of a period of nine years from the date on which the members elected at the first ordinary elections after the commencement of this Act, enter upon office:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall affect any representation in the Panchayat until the expiration of the term of the then existing Panchayat.

(4) Nothing contained in sub-section (2) shall be deemed to prevent members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for whom a seat has been reserved in a Panchayat from standing for election to the non-reserved seats in that Panchayat.

(5) For the purposes of this Act, "Scheduled Castes" and "Scheduled Tribes" shall mean the castes and tribes which the Government may by notification in the Gazette declare to be Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Division into wards and method of election.

8. (1) For the purposes of election of members to a Panchayat, the Government may by notification in the Gazette—

(a) divide the panchayat area into as many wards as there are non-reserved seats; and

(b) determine the ward in which the seat, if any, reserved under sub-section (2) of Section 7 shall be set apart.

(2) Except in the case of the ward in which the seat, if any, determined under clause (b) of sub-section (1), one member shall be elected for each ward.

(3) Each of the wards determined under clause (b) of sub-section (1) shall elect two members, one of whom shall be a member of any of the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.

(4) All the electors of a ward irrespective of the community to which they belong shall be entitled to vote at an election to any seat in that ward, whether reserved or non-reserved.

(5) In a ward where a seat is reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, every elector shall have as many votes as there are members to be elected, but no elector shall give more than one vote to any one candidate.

(6) If an elector gives more than one vote to any one candidate in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (5), then, at the time of counting of votes, only one of the votes given by him to such candidate shall be taken into account and the other vote given by him to such candidate shall be rejected as void.

(7) When issuing under sub-section (1) a notification which materially alters the existing division of a panchayat

area into wards, the Government may direct that the alteration shall take effect from the date of the next ordinary elections.

(8) When the number of members to be returned by a ward is altered or when a new ward is formed or when an existing ward is abolished, the election authority shall with the approval of the Government determine—

(a) the ward which each member then on the Panchayat shall be deemed to represent; and

(b) the ward or wards in which elections shall be held to fill up vacancies, if any, in the Panchayat.

(9) The elections under this section shall be by ballot."

3. For Section 11 of the said Act, the followibg sections shall be substituted, namely:—

Substitution of new sections for Section 11, Act II of 1950.

Qualifications for inclusion in electoral roll for the panchayat area and publication thereof.

"11. (1) Every person whose name is included in such part of the electoral roll for any Assembly Constituency as relates to the panchayat area or any portion thereof shall be entitled to be included in the electoral roll for the panchayat area prepared for the purposes of this Act, and no other person shall be entitled to be included therein.

Explanation.—Where in the case of any Assembly Constituency, there is no distinct part of the electoral roll relating to the panchayat area, all persons whose names are entered in such roll under the registration area comprising the panchayat area and whose addresses as entered in such roll are situated in the panchayat area shall be entitled to be included in the electoral roll for the panchayat area prepared for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The name of any person shall not be included in the electoral roll for a panchayat area in more than one place.

(3) As soon as may be after the electoral rolls for the Assembly Constituencies which consist of or comprise the panchayat area or any portion thereof have been published, revised or amended in pursuance of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, any person authorised

by the election authority in this behalf shall publish, in such manner as the Government may direct, the portions of the said rolls which relate to the panchayat area or of the alterations therein as the electoral roll for the panchayat area or as alterations to such roll, as the case may be.

(4) The electoral roll for the panchayat area shall be divided into separate parts for each ward.

(5) Where, after the electoral roll for a panchayat area or any alterations thereto have been published under sub-section (3), the panchayat area is divided into wards for the first time, or the division of the panchayat area into wards is altered, or the limits of the panchayat area are varied, the election authority shall, as soon as may be after such division or alteration or variation, as the case may be, in order to give effect to the division of the panchayat area into wards or to the alteration of the wards or to the variation of the limits, as the case may be, authorise a re-arrangement and republication of the electoral roll for the panchayat area or any part of such roll in such manner as the Government may direct.

(6) The electoral roll for the panchayat area published under sub-section (3) as revised by any alterations thereto subsequently published under that sub-section or under sub-section (5) shall remain in force until the publication of a fresh electoral roll for the panchayat area under sub-section (3).

(7) Every person whose name appears in the electoral roll for the panchayat area as so revised, shall, so long as it remains in force, be entitled, subject to the provisions of this Act, to vote at an election; and no person whose name does not appear in such roll shall vote at an election:

Provided that a person who is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court shall not be entitled to vote at any election.

Explanation.—In this section and Section 11 A, the expression "Assembly Constituency" shall mean a Constituency determined by order made under Section 9 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, for the purpose of elections to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly.

Power to correct electoral roll.

11 A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 11, the election authority may, after making such inquiry as he thinks fit, publish in such manner as the Government may direct, amendments to the electoral roll for any

panchayat area for the purpose of bringing it into accord with the electoral roll for the relevant Assembly Constituency."

Amendment of Section 12, Act II of 1950.

4. For clause (c) of Section 12 of the said Act, the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"(c) in the case of a seat reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, he is himself a member of any of the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes."

Amendment of section 118, Act II of 1950

5. In Section 118 of the said Act, for the brackets, figures and word "(VI of 1100)," the brackets, figures and word "(VII of 1100)" shall be substituted and shall be deemed always to have been substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Section 11 of the Travancore-Cochin Panchayats Act provides for the preparation of an electoral roll on the basis of adult franchise for the purposes of elections to panchayats. Elections to the State Legislative Assembly have already been held on the basis of adult franchise according to the electoral rolls prepared in pursuance of the provisions contained in the Constitution and the Representation of the People Act and the rules made thereunder. It is proposed to utilise the State Legislative Assembly electoral rolls for the purposes of elections to the panchayats also as in the case of elections to municipal councils. It is also proposed to reserve in the panchayat one seat for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in cases where the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes voters in a panchayat area is more than five per cent of the total number of voters in that panchayat area. In the case of candidates standing for election to the State Legislative Assembly, literacy qualification is not insisted on. It is therefore proposed to dispense with literacy qualification in the case of candidates standing for panchayat elections also as in the case of candidates standing for municipal elections. The Bill is intended to give effect to the above objects.

K. KOCHUKUTTAN.

THE TRIVANDRUM CITY MUNICIPAL ACT (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL.

Preamble.

Whereas it is deemed necessary further to amend the Trivandrum City Municipal Act, 1116 (Act IV of 1116), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Trivandrum City Municipal (Second Amendment) Act, 1952.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of Section 3, Act IV of 1116.

2. In Section 3 of the Trivandrum City Municipal Act, 1116 (Act IV of 1116), hereinafter referred to as the said Act—

(*a*) for clause (8), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"Casual vacancy" and "Casual election."

"(8) "Casual vacancy" means a vacancy occurring otherwise than by efflux of time and "Casual election" means an election held on the occurrence of a casual vacancy;"

(*b*) for clause (25), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"Ordinary vacancy" and "Ordinary election."

"(25) "Ordinary vacancy" means a vacancy occurring by efflux of time and "Ordinary election" means an election held on the occurrence of an ordinary vacancy;"

Amendment of Section 5, Act IV of 1116.

3. For sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act, the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) (*a*) The council shall consist of such number of councillors as may be notified by the Government:

Provided that such number shall not be less than twenty-four or more than forty.

(b) The councillors shall be elected by the municipal electors.

(c) Seats shall be reserved for Scheduled Castes in the council. The number of such seats, which shall be determined by the Government, shall bear, as nearly as may be, the same proportion to the total number of seats in the council as the population of Scheduled Castes in the city bears to the total population of the city.

(d) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (c), the provisions of this Act relating to reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes in the council shall cease to have effect on the expiration of a period of nine years from the date on which the councillors elected at the first ordinary elections after the commencement of the Trivandrum City Municipal (Second Amendment) Act, 1952, enter upon office:

Provided that nothing in this clause shall affect any representation in the council until the expiration of the term of the then existing council.

(e) For the purposes of this Act, "Scheduled Castes" shall mean the castes which the Government may by notification in the Gazette declare to be Scheduled Castes, and "population" shall mean the population as ascertained at the last preceding census of which the relevant figures have been published."

Amendment of Section 8, Act IV of 1116.

4. For sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 8 of the said Act, the following sub sections shall be substituted, namely :—

"(1) The Commissioner shall hold office for such period not exceeding three years as may be specified in the order of his appointment. An outgoing Commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment if otherwise qualified.

(2) The Government may at any time remove the Commissioner from office and shall do so if such removal is recommended by a resolution of the council passed at a special meeting called for the purpose and supported by the votes of not less than three-fourths of the sanctioned strength of the council".

5. For Section 15 of the said Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

Substitution of new section for Section 15, Act IV of 1116.

"15. (1) The Corporation shall contribute to leave allowances provident fund or pension and gratuity of the Commissioner to the extent required by the Government.

Service regulations of Commissioner.

(2) The leave and leave allowances, superannuation or retirement, pension or gratuity, and provident fund of the Commissioner shall be governed by such rules as may be framed by the Government".

6. In Section 29 of the said Act—

Amendment of Section 29, Act IV of 1116.

(*a*) for the word "December", the word "November" shall be substituted ;

(*b*) the proviso shall be omitted.

7. In Section 30 of the said Act, the words ", or appointment" shall be omitted.

Amendment of Section 30, Act IV of 1116.

8. In sub-section (1) of Section 40 of the said Act, for the word "Chingom", the word "April" shall be substituted.

Amendment of Section 40, Act IV of 1116.

9. In Chapter III of the said Act, in the heading "Election and Appointment of Councillors", the words "and Appointment" shall be omitted.

Amendment of heading in Chapter III, Act IV of 1116.

10. For Sections 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 of the said Act, the following sections shall be substituted, namely :—

Substitution of new sections for Sections 46 to 54, Act IV of 1116.

"46. (1) For the purposes of the election of councillors, the city shall be divided into as many territorial divisions as there are non-reserved seats. The Government shall, after consulting the council, by notification in the Gazette, fix the boundaries of such divisions.

Electoral divisions.

(2) The Government may, after consulting the council, by notification in the Gazette, alter the boundaries of such divisions.

(3) (*a*) For the purposes of the election of councillors to fill the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes, the Government may, after consulting the council, by notification in the Gazette, declare from time time in which division or divisions the said seats shall be reserved.

(*b*) The Government may, after consulting the council, by notification in the Gazette, vary any declaration made under clause (*a*).

47. (1) Except in the case of the divisions notified by the Government under sub section (3) of Section 46, one councillor shall be elected for each division.

Number of councillors for each division.

(2) Each of the divisions notified under sub-section (3) of Section 46 shall elect two councillors, one of whom shall be a member of any of the Scheduled Castes.

(3) All the electors in a division, irrespective of the community to which they belong, shall be entitled to vote at an election to any seat in that division, whether reserved or non reserved.

(4) In a division where a seat is reserved for Scheduled Castes, every elector shall have as many votes as there are councillors to be elected, but no elector shall give more than one vote to any one candidate.

(5) If an elector gives more than one vote to any one candidate in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (4), then, at the time of counting of votes, only one of the votes given by him to such candidate shall be taken into account and the other vote given by him to such candidate shall be rejected as void.

(6) The elections under this section shall be by ballot.

Qualification for inclusion in electoral roll for city and publication thereof.

48. (1) Every person whose name is included in such part of the electoral roll for the Assembly Constituency as relates to the city or any portion thereof shall be entitled to be included in the electoral roll for the city prepared for the purposes of this Act, and no other person shall be entitled to be included in such roll.

Explanation I. Where in the case of any Assembly Constituency, there is no distinct part of the electoral roll relating to the city, all persons whose names are entered in such roll under the registration area comprising the city and whose addresses as entered in such roll are situated in the city shall be entitled to be included in the electoral roll for the city prepared for the purposes of this Act.

Explanation II. No person's name shall be included in the electoral roll for more than one division or in the electoral roll for any division in more than one place.

(2) As soon as may be, after the electoral rolls for the Assembly Constituencies which consist of or comprise the city or any portion thereof have been published, revised or amended in pursuance of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, the Commissioner shall publish in such manner as the Government may direct, the portions of the said rolls which relate to the city or of the alterations therein, as the electoral roll for the city or as alterations to such roll, as the case may be.

(3) The electoral roll shall be divided into separate lists for each division.

(4) Where, after the electoral roll for the city or any alterations to such roll have been published under sub-section (2), the division of the city into territorial divisions is altered, or the limits of the city are varied, the Commissioner shall, as soon as may be, in order to give effect to the

alteration of the territorial divisions, or the variation of the limits, as the case may be, rearrange and republish the electoral roll for the city or any part of such roll in such manner as the Government may direct.

(5) The electoral roll for the city published under sub-section (2) as revised by any alterations thereto subsequently published under that sub-section or under sub-section (4) shall remain in force until the publication of a fresh roll for the city under sub-section (2).

(6) Every person whose name appears in the electoral roll for the city as so revised shall, so long as it remains in force, be entitled, subject to the provisions of this Act, to vote at an election ; and no person whose name does not appear in such roll shall vote at an election.

Explanation :—In this section and Section 49, the expression "Assembly Constituency" shall mean a constituency determined by order made under Section 9 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, for the purpose of elections to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly.

Power to correct electoral roll.

49. Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 48, the Commissioner may, after making such inquiry as he thinks fit, publish in such manner as the Government may direct, amendments to the electoral roll for the city for the purpose of bringing it into accord with the electoral roll for the relevant Assembly Constituency.

Disqualification of voters.

50. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (6) of Section 48, no person who is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court, a deaf mute or a leper shall be entitled to vote and no person shall be entitled to vote during the period for which he is disqualified under Section 66.

Qualification of candidates.

51. No person shall be qualified for election as a councillor unless—

(a) the name of such person appears on the electoral roll for any division of the city ;

(b) he has completed his twenty fifth-year of age ;

(c) in the case of a seat reserved for Scheduled Castes, he is himself a member of any of the Scheduled Castes.

52. (1) A person who has been sentenced by a criminal court in India to imprisonment for a period of more than six months for any offence other than an offence of a political character not involving violence or an offence not involving moral delinquency, such sentence not having been reversed or the offence pardoned, shall be disqualified for election as a councillor while undergoing the sentence and for five years from the date of expiration of the sentence.

Disqualification of candidates.

Explanation—"Expiration of the sentence" means, where the sentence has been remitted, the expiration of the unremitted portion of the sentence.

(2) A person shall be disqualified for election as a councillor if such person is at the date of nomination or election—

(a) of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court, a deaf-mute or a leper;

(b) an applicant to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent or an uncertified bankrupt or undischarged insolvent;

(c) directly or indirectly by himself or his partner interested in a subsisting contract made with or any work being done for the Corporation:

Provided that a person shall not be deemed to have any interest in such contract or work by reason only of his having a share or interest in—

(i) any lease, sale or purchase of immovable property or any agreement for the same;

(ii) any agreement for the loan of money or any security for the payment of money only;

(iii) any newspaper in which any advertisement relating to the affairs of the Corporation is inserted;

(iv) any company or association whether incorporated or not which contracts with the Corporation for lighting or supplying with water any part of the city or insuring against fire any property of the Corporation;

(v) any company otherwise than as a director, manager or managing agent of such company;

(vi) the sale to the Corporation of any articles in which he regularly trades or the purchase from the Corporation of any articles;

(d) an officer or servant holding office under this Act;

(e) employed as paid legal practitioner on behalf of the Corporation or as legal practitioner against the Corporation;

(f) in receipt of or paid from the funds at the disposal of or under the control of the Corporation any salary or other remuneration for services rendered by him in any capacity whatsoever;

(g) a whole-time officer or servant of the Government or an honorary Magistrate;

(h) already a councillor whose term of office as such will not expire before his fresh election can take effect or has already been elected a councillor whose term of office has not yet commenced; or

(i) in arrears of any kind due by him to the Corporation up to and inclusive of the previous year in respect of which a bill, notice or direction has been duly served upon him, and the time, if any, specified therein for payment has expired.

(3) A person shall be disqualified for election as a councillor during the period for which he is disqualified under Section 66.

Disqualification of councillors.

53. Subject to the provisions of Section 56, a councillor shall cease to be a councillor if he—

(a) is sentenced by a criminal court in India to such punishment and for such offence as is described in Section 52, sub-section (1);

(b) becomes of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court, a deaf-mute or a leper;

(c) applies to be adjudicated or is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent;

(d) subject to the proviso to clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 52, acquires any interest directly or indirectly by himself or his partner in any subsisting contract made with or work being done or to be done for the Corporation;

(e) is employed or retains employment as paid legal practitioner on behalf of the Corporation or receives or be paid from the funds at the disposal of or under the control of the council, any salary or other remuneration for services rendered by him in any capacity whatsoever;

(f) accepts or retains employment as legal practitioner against the Corporation;

(g) is appointed to and accepts any office or post referred to in clause (d) or clause (g) of sub-section (2) of Section 52;

(*h*) is disqualified under Section 66;

(*i*) ceases to reside in the city;

(*j*) fails to attend the meetings of the council for a period of three consecutive months;

(*k*) fails to pay arrears of any kind due by him to the Corporation within three months after a bill, notice or direction has been served upon him under this Act, or, where, in the case of any arrear, this Act does not require the service of any bill, notice or direction, within three months after a notice requiring payment of the arrear (which notice it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to serve at the earliest possible date) has been duly served upon him by the Commissioner.

(2) Where a person ceases to be a councillor under clause (a) or clause (g) or clause (h) of sub-section (1), he shall be restored to office for such portion of the period for which he was elected as may remain unexpired on the date of such restoration if and when the sentence or order is annulled on appeal or revision, and any person elected to fill the vacancy in the interim shall on such restoration vacate office.

(3) In the case of a person who has ceased to be a councillor in consequence of failure to attend meetings, the matter shall be reported by the Commissioner at the next ordinary meeting and the council may at that meeting restore such person to office."

11. In Section 55 of the said Act—

Amendment of Section 55, Act IV of 1116.

(i) for sub section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely :—

"(1) Every person who is elected to be a councillor shall before taking his seat make at a meeting of the council an oath or affirmation in the following form, namely :—

"I. A. B. having been elected a councillor of this council do swear in the name of God/solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established and that I will faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter."

(ii) in sub-sections (2) and (3), the words "or appointed" shall be omitted.

12. In Section 56 of the said Act—

Amendment of Section 56, Act IV of 1116.

(i) in sub-section (1), the words "or appointed" shall be omitted and for the words and figures 'Section 53 or Section 54", the words and figures "Section 52 or Section 53" shall be substituted ;

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the words and figures "Section 53 or Section 54," the words and figures "Section 52 or Section 53" shall be substituted.

13. In the heading "General Rules for Election and Appointment" occurring before Section 57 of the said Act, the words "and Appointment" shall be omitted.

Amendment of heading occurring before Section 57, Act IV of 1116.

14. In Section 57 of the said Act—

Amendment of Section 57, Act IV of 1116.

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words "divisional councillors," the word "councillors" and for the word "December", the word "November" shall be substituted ;

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the words "divisional councillor" the word "councillor" and for the words "October and November," the words "August and September" shall be substituted;

(iii) in sub-sections (3) and (4), for the words "divisional councillor," the word "councillor" shall be substituted.

Substitution of new Section for Section 58, Act IV of 1116.

15. For Section 58 of the said Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely :—

Procedure where no councillor is elected.

"58. (1) If at any ordinary or casual election held under Section 57 no councillor is elected, a fresh election shall be held on such day or days as the Commissioner may fix.

(2) If at such fresh election no councillor is elected, the council may in the manner prescribed elect a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

(3) The term of office of a councillor elected under this section shall expire at the time at which it would have expired if he had been elected at the ordinary or casual election, as the case may be."

Amendment of Section 59, Act IV of 1116.

16. In sub-section (2) of Section 59 of the said Act, between the word "shall" and the word "notify", the words "determine by lot and" shall be inserted.

Amendment of Section 61, Act IV of 1116.

17. In Section 61 of the said Act, the words "and appointments" shall be omitted.

Amendment of Section 62, of Act IV of 1116.

18. In Section 62 of the said Act—

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words "divisional and other elections and appointments", the word "elections" shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (b) of sub-section (2), the words "or appointments" shall be omitted.

19. Sections 63 and 64 of the said Act shall be omitted.

Omission of Sections 63 and 64, Act IV of 1116.

20. In Section 66 of the said Act, the words "or from being appointed to the office of councillor" shall be omitted.

Amendment of Section 66, Act IV of 1116.

21. In sub-section (1) of Section 83 of the said Act, for the words "twenty four councillors", the words "three-fourths of the sanctioned strength of the council" shall be substituted.

Amendment of Section 83, Act IV of 1116.

22. In Section 159 of the said Act, for the words "tenth day of Medom" the words "fifteenth day of January" shall be substituted.

Amendment of Section 159, Act IV of 1116.

23. In Section 160 of the said Act—

Amendment of Section 160, Act IV of 1116.

(i) in sub-section (1), for the words "tenth day of Medom", the words "fifteenth day of January" shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-section (3), for the word "Edavom", the word "February" shall be substitnted.

24. In Section 161 of the said Act, for the word "Mithunam", the words "the first week of March" shall be substituted.

Amendment of Section 161, Act IV of 1116.

25. In Schedule I of the said Act—

Amendment of Schedule I, Act IV of 1116.

(i) In Rules 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, for the word "members" and the word "member" wherever they occur, the word "councillors" and the word "councillor" respectively shall be substituted;

(ii) in Rule 3, for the words "Thulam, Dhanu, Kumbham, Medom, Mithunam and Chingom", the words "April, June, August, October, December and February" shall be substituted;

(iii) in sub-rule (i) of Rule 4, for the words "signed by eight councillors", the words "signed by not less than one fourth of the number of councillors sanctioned for the Council" shall be substituted;

(iv) in sub-rule (1) of Rule 10, after the word "Mayor" the words "or the presiding councillor" shall be inserted;

(v) in Rule 14, for the words "three members", the words "not less than three members" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Elections to the State Legislative Assembly have been held on the basis of adult franchise according to the electoral rolls prepared in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and the Representation of the People Act and the rules made thereunder. It is proposed to hold elections to the Corporation of Trivandrum also on the basis of adult franchise and for that purpose to utilise the electoral rolls prepared for the purpose of elections to the State Legislative Assembly. It is also proposed to reserve seats in the council of the Corporation of Trivandrum for Scheduled Castes in proportion to their population in the city. The Bill is intended to give effect to the above objects.

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